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Rev. Henry Sloan Coffin, D.D.,

921 Madison Avenue,

New York.

My dear Dr. Coffin:

It is a great compliment that you pay me in asking me to preach in your Church when I am in New York, but I have consistently refused since coming to Toronto except the opening sermon to our students. I have refused so many that I feel I cannot break my rule, much as I would like to oblige you and show some return for your kindness in coming to us. I hope, however, that you will understand my position in this matter.

I am not sure when I shall be in New York, though probably not before February or March, but I hope that I may then have the opportunity of a talk with you. How greatly things have changed since last I saw you. I wonder whether by the next time that I visit New York we shall be on the verge of peace.

Since conscription has come we are rather easier in the University, and our attendance is quite as good as, if not slightly better than, last year. I shall be glad to give your kind message to my wife and will you please convey ours to Mrs. Coffin. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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